YEAH, NICE POWER-POINT PRESENTATION, PICARD. SPEAKING OF GALACTUS, HOW COME YOU'RE DEALING WITH THIS AND NOT A HEAVY HITTER LIKE HIM OR THE WATCHER OR SOME OTHER COSMIC BIGWIG?
I THINK WE GOT US ANOTHER BEYONDER.
YUP.
STOP TALKING ABOUT THE BEYONDER!
PERHAPS I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, MADAM. ONLY MY LORD CONTEMPLATOR HAS THE DIVINE WISDOM AND FORESIGHT TO SEE THE SITUATION FOR WHAT IT IS.
YES, THANK YOU.
INDEED, FOR A THOUSAND YEARS, I HAVE MONITORED THIS NEW MENACE, YET IN A COSMIC SENSE THAT IS BUT THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
WE MUST MOVE FAST BEFORE THE DARKNESS SPREADS SO FAR AND SO FAST THAT IT CAN NEVER BE CONTAINED.
TRAVEL ACROSS SPACE. CONFRONT CLOUDY BAD THING. GOT IT. WE'LL SEND YOU A POSTCARD.
MY LORD, THERE'S SO MUCH YOU DIDN'T TELL THEM.
BEST NOT TO CLUTTER THEIR MINDS. THE DEADPOOLS ARE A WEAPON BEST SHOT FROM THE HIP.

"...AND YOU'RE GONNA LOVE THIS GUY'S HAIRCUT."
I AM TRYCO SLATTERUS--
--THE CHAMPION.
FACE ME AND PROVE YOURSELVES.

HISTORY: Little is known about the man called Deadpool ("Wade Wilson")'s early life, not even his name. Although Deadpool believes his name is "Wade Wilson," it has been alleged he took it from another and his true name is "Jack," full name unrevealed. He once claimed that his father abandoned his mother while pregnant, who physically abused Deadpool as a youth, and who an adult Deadpool confronted and beat up in turn. He later claimed his mother died when he was five, a trauma which provoked a brutal streak in his personality, and that his father, a career military officer, was shot by one of his friends when he was 17. Possibly Deadpool had two sets of parents - his birth parents and a pair of adoptive parents, or perhaps a stepmother and stepfather from remarriages by his birth parents - partially explaining these discrepancies. Given Deadpool's perpetually erratic mental state, he may no longer remember the truth about his origins and could yet supply additional contradictory accounts.

In any event, following a brief stint in army black ops, from which he was supposedly discharged for being "too good," the future Deadpool began his mercenary career circa age 19. Accepting assassination jobs against people he felt warranted death, he habitually took new identities after failing assignments. After one such failure, he was injured fleeing his employers and collapsed into an icy river in Maine. He was found and nursed back to health by a young couple named, allegedly, Wade and Mercedes Wilson. Seeking his rescuer's identity as his own, the young mercenary attacked him and left him for dead, but accidentally killed his wife Mercedes as well. Unhinged over murdering an innocent woman, he became convinced that he was Mercedes' husband, Wade Wilson. Using that name, he resumed his mercenary activities, unaware Mercedes' husband survived and, sponsored by the mercenary's former employers, became sorcerer/assassin T-Ray. Further unaware he was being observed by interdimensional firm Landau, Luckman, Lake & LeQuare as a potential candidate for the Mithras Directive, through which a prophesied hero would protect an alien Messiah (S'mel'kth) destined to bring Earth peace, the young mercenary Wilson next surfaced in Tangier, Morocco, where he romanced a woman named Francie. When this relationship ended, he traveled throughout Asia and, in Japan, a crime lord called the Boss hired him to infiltrate rival criminal Oyakata's sumo wrestling ring. Wilson spent three years as a wrestler under Oyakata's tutelage, becoming romantically involved with his daughter Sazae. When Boss ordered Oyakata's murder, Wilson reneged on his assignment, allegedly the first time he ever did so, and relocated to the USA. There he fell in love with teenage mutant prostitute Vanessa Carlysle, with whom he shared dreams of a better future. Hired by Middle Eastern interests to assassinate blind British government operative Althea (later Blind Al), at a Zaire base, Wilson inexplicably killed everyone there except for Al, who fled. Wilson's vengeful employers targeted Vanessa, who was rescued by LLL&L's Zoe Culloden, Wilson's "sponsor" in the Mithras Directive. Learning he had contracted cancer, Wilson left Vanessa, believing she could never find happiness with a terminally ill man.

In Canada, Wilson joined Department K, a Canadian government special weapons development branch. As a test subject in Department K's Weapon X Program, his cancer was temporarily regressed via a healing factor derived from Department K mutant operative Wolverine (Logan/James Howlett). As a potential Canadian super-operative, Wilson joined an unidentified unit, possibly an early incarnation of Weapon PRIME (PRototype Induced Mutation Echelon), training alongside near-invulnerable Sluggo and the cyborgs Garrison Kane and Slayback; he also reunited with Vanessa, who revealed her shape-shifting powers and joined as Copycat. During one mission or training session, Wilson seemingly killed Slayback for unrevealed reasons. When his healing factor malfunctioned, Wilson's health worsened and, his body horribly scarred, he was sent to the Hospice, where failed Weapon X subjects were supposedly treated or allowed to die with dignity. Apparently unknown to the Canadian government, the Hospice's patients served as experimental subjects for Dr. Emrys Killebrew and his sadistic assistant,

REAL NAME: Unrevealed

ALIASES: Wade Winston Wilson, Merc with a Mouth, Big Dee Pee, Captain Wilson, Johnny Salvini, Armando Khan, Mithras, Dr. Koffer, Takehiko Adachi, Chiyonosake ("the Wolf of the Rice Wine"), Wade T. Wilson, Jack, Rhodes, Corpus, Lopez, "Test-o-clees," others; impersonated Hobgoblin (Jason Macendale), others

IDENTITY: Known to authorities

OCCUPATION: Mercenary, adventurer; former pirate, mob enforcer, government operative, sumo wrestler, soldier, presumably others

CITIZENSHIP: Canada, with international criminal record

PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed

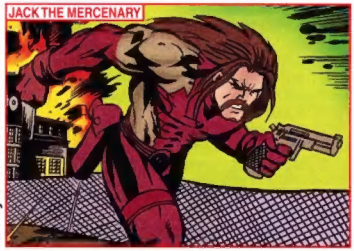
KNOWN RELATIVES: Gretchen (ex-wife), unidentified parents (both possibly deceased)

GROUP AFFILIATION: Formerly Code Red, Agency X, Great Lakes Initiative, SHIELD's Six Pack, One World Church, Deadpool Inc., Weapon X, Team Deadpool, Heroes for Hire, Secret Defenders, Frightful Four, Department K, Oyakata's sumo stable, US Army; former operative of Commission on Superhuman Activities, Landau, Luckman & Lake, Tolliver, Taskmaster, Kingpin (Fisk), Dr. Druid, Yakuza and many others; Deadpool has often considered himself an X-Men member, but no one else does

EDUCATION: High school dropout, US Army Special Forces training, otherwise unrevealed

FIRST APPEARANCE: New Mutants #98 (1990)

Art by Gus Vazquez with Ron Lim (inset)



Art by David Brewer

the superhuman Attending, with so hopeless an atmosphere that patients placed bets in a "deadpool" on when they would die. Killebrew subjected Wilson to torturous experiments to learn why his healing factor failed and for his own twisted satisfaction. Trapped between life and death, perceived a manifestation of the cosmic entity Death, and formed a near-romantic relationship with her, but because Killebrew insistently kept him alive for future experimentation, he could not truly join her. Seeking death, Wilson repeatedly taunted the Attending, earning his fellow patients' respect; despite the Attending's rage, Killebrew forbade him to kill Wilson. The Attending instead lobotomized Wilson's friend, cyborg Charles "Worm" Cunningham, whom Wilson then mercifully killed. As the Attending knew, under Killebrew's rules, any patient who killed another earned execution, and Wilson, despite Killebrew's interest, proved no exception. The Attending tore out Wilson's heart, and Death insisted that he join her, but Wilson's thirst for vengeance was so strong that it jumpstarted his healing factor, regenerating his heart. However, this didn't cure his scarred body, and also rendered him insane, a condition which proved inherent in his mutation; curing his insanity would negate his healing factor. Wilson attacked the Attending, leaving him for dead in turn, and was ready to die, but Death abandoned him. Taking the name Deadpool, he escaped the Hospice with his fellow patients.

Following his escape, Deadpool, per his own account, spent time as a mob enforcer alongside surgically altered Maggia leader Hammerhead. He soon resumed freelance mercenary work, donning a costume to accompany his codename, and his constant irreverent banter in even the deadliest situations earned him the nickname "the Merc with a Mouth." At some point he worked with or against Wolverine, by then a spy for Canada's Department H, presumably neither aware they shared a bond via their healing factors; he also clashed with Cable (Nathan Summers) and other super-powered mercenaries during his checkered career. It was presumably during these years he, for reasons known only to himself, abducted Blind Al and kept her prisoner in his San Francisco base, the hologram-equipped "Deadhut," where he occasionally meted out punishment by locking Al in his private torture chamber, "the Box." Al's escape attempts only motivated Deadpool to kill anyone whose help she sought, leaving her resigned to captivity, even developing an odd friendship with her captor. Following Baron (Heinrich) Zemo's death during a confrontation with Captain America (Steve Rogers), Deadpool, presumably on assignment, visited the villain's grave in Bolivia, where he first met Bullseye (Lester), a less experienced but no less deadly mercenary. For whatever reason, the two fought, mutilating Zemo's corpse in the process, the first of many battles they waged over the years. Deadpool acquired a position as Kingpin (Wilson Fisk)'s personal assassin, although he apparently had little contact with the Kingpin's many Manhattan-based super hero enemies. Years after the Hospice escape, Deadpool apparently returned to Canada and, under Department H's auspices, received treatment from Dr. Walter Langkowski, aka Alpha Flight's Sasquatch, whose Department H tenure began long after Deadpool's ended. Eventually, Deadpool abandoned the treatment as abruptly as he had sought it and returned to the USA. Hired by criminal genius Wizard (born Bentley Wittman), Deadpool initially went to the wrong address and took a job impersonating up-and-coming super villain Hobgoblin (Roderick Kingsley). Re-connecting with Wizard, Deadpool joined him, Taskmaster, and Constrictor in a short-lived Frightful Four incarnation to battle the Thing (Ben Grimm). When this failed, Deadpool returned to Kingpin, but Bullseye upstaged him during an assignment and replaced him as Kingpin's assassin; the two again fought, with Bullseye keeping the job, but the pair eventually developed mutual respect and camaraderie, if not actual friendship. Deadpool nevertheless landed a one-time assignment from Kingpin, to kill the Beyonder, who easily defeated him. Eventually, Deadpool accepted assignments and camaraderie at the Chicago mercenary hangout Hellhouse, where diminutive Patch (Bob Stirrat) issued assignments in exchange for profit cuts. During this period, Deadpool developed a rivalry with fellow Hellhouse patron T-Ray, whom Deadpool, still believing himself Wade Wilson, blamed for Mercedes' death. He also recruited nonpowered but ingenious Weasel (Jack Hammer) as weapon supplier; the two became close friends and fellow employees under time-traveling arms merchant Tolliver (Tyler Dayspring), in whose service Deadpool occasionally worked with Sluggo and Copycat, among others.

In recent years, Tolliver sent Deadpool to assassinate his father, Cable, in whose company Copycat was impersonating longtime fellow mercenary Domino (Neena Thurman); ironically, although Deadpool quickly overcame Cable and his new charges, the New Mutants, he was defeated by Domino/Copycat, evidently unaware she was acting contrary to her employer's wishes, who put him in a crate and mailed it to Tolliver. When Cable reorganized his charges as X-Force, they worked with Spider-Man (Peter Parker) against Black Tom Cassidy and Juggernaut (Cain Marko), but Deadpool teleported both criminals to work with Tolliver. Tolliver then sent him to attack Domino, who revealed herself as Copycat, and Deadpool was defeated by Cable and the true Domino, who swore vengeance against Copycat. Deadpool next accompanied Tolliver to the "Dead Man's Hand" underworld summit in Las Vegas to divide up the fallen Kingpin's empire, where, following a chance battle with Nomad (Jack Monroe), Deadpool killed Troy Donahue, underling to Tolliver's rival Lotus Newmark. Tolliver seemingly perished battling X-Force, supposedly leaving behind a will that ceded advanced technology to whoever found it; his mercenaries, including Deadpool, searched the world for it, and Deadpool's quest led to a chance encounter and battle with Blood Wraith, whose Ebony Blade he absconded with before its owner reclaimed it in Bosnia. Erroneously believed to have confidential knowledge about the will, Deadpool's search was interrupted by Slayback, who, having reconstituted himself following his death, sought revenge. In the ensuing battle, Copycat intervened and was gravely injured, prompting Deadpool to partially transfer his healing ability, saving her life, but weakening his remaining power. After slaying sorceress Malachi while in Dr. Anthony Druid's Secret Defenders, Deadpool, employed by External Gideon, joined Juggernaut to abduct Professor X and other X-Men, with whom Gideon empowered the Psi-Ber Sentinel, but Deadpool withdrew from the proceedings before the X-Men defeated Gideon. Deadpool again clashed with Juggernaut and Black Tom, who had forced Killebrew into service and believed Deadpool's healing factor could cure Tom's ailment. With help from Tom's niece, X-Force

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WADE WILSON

member Siryn, Deadpool defeated the pair. Although he was strongly attracted to Siryn, she only partially returned his feelings; questioning his worthiness, he sought Copycat for advice but found her dating fellow Weapon X alumnus Kane. When Wolverine visited Kane for mutual friend Vindicator (James Hudson), Deadpool fought both men, exorcising longtime resentment. Unidentified information brokers, employing Slayback, abducted Deadpool in hope of his healing factor curing the Legacy virus, but Deadpool's power could not be adapted, and he was rescued by Wolverine and mutant mercenary Maverick (Christoph Nord). Deadpool in turn rescued Siryn when she was imprisoned by Gamesmaster (Jeremy Stevens). Deadpool's former employer the Boss hired him to protect Oyakata, now targeted by Boss' renegade assassin Widdle Wade, whom Deadpool slew. Learning Boss had created Wade from Deadpool's DNA, he killed Boss as well.

Deadpool was subsequently assigned to sabotage experimental gamma radiation facility Project Michelangelo, unaware Zoe Culloden and Noah DuBois of rechristened Landau, Luckman & Lake had arranged a core meltdown to test his heroic potential. When Deadpool risked his life containing the crisis, Zoe considered it proof he was the predestined Mithras, but Deadpool refused to believe he could accomplish anything heroic. As his healing factor waned, Deadpool received a supposed challenge from Black Tom; with Siryn accompanying him, he instead encountered atonement-seeking Killebrew, who, having realized Deadpool's failing powers would eventually leave him dead, had lured him to be treated. Using a sample of Hulk (Bruce Banner)'s blood, Killebrew restored Deadpool to health, but Deadpool still wanted him dead for his past crimes. Unwilling to murder him before Siryn, who believed Deadpool could transcend his violent past, Deadpool reluctantly let Killebrew live. Assigned to free a mental patient, Deadpool fought Arnim Zola's Vamp/Animus (Denise Baranger), who had been hired to kill him, and learned both assignments came from the patient, Typhoid (Mary Walker), former assassin for Kingpin. When she embarked on a Manhattan killing spree, Deadpool assisted Daredevil (Matt Murdock) in capturing her. Deadpool hoped he and Typhoid could help each other find redemption, but she instead undermined his self-improvement goals, provoking him into being as brutal as she. While unwinding at an aquarium, Deadpool met the Lightning Rods (aka the Great Lakes Avengers), a super-team whose dedication to heroism exceeded their capabilities. Inadvertently sent back in time several years into an alternate timeline (Reality-9712) during the encounter, he battled that reality's Kraven the Hunter (Sergei Kravinoff) and interacted with a younger Weasel before returning. Following a stint in Iron Fist (Daniel Rand)'s Heroes for Hire and fresh harassment from Zoe regarding the Mithras Directive, the increasingly troubled Deadpool sought comfort from Siryn, who seemingly drew him into a romantic interlude. However, she revealed herself as a disguised Typhoid, toying with him for amusement. Horrified, he returned to the Deadhut and discovered Weasel visiting Blind Al. Enraged that anyone, even a friend, had invaded his home without permission, Deadpool locked them in the Box, although they soon escaped. He met T-Ray for an intended duel to the death, but Deadpool's emotional turmoil distracted him, enabling T-Ray to defeat him. With nothing to lose, he wearily accompanied Zoe to LL&L, where she revealed the Mithras role's full extent. Appalled by being entrusted with such responsibility, Deadpool decided to rebuild his character more slowly, making peace with Blind Al, but the Attending, now called Ajax, teleported him away and seemingly killed him. Reviving under Death's administrations, he was confronted by the ghosts of Ajax's victims, including Worm Cunningham, who urged Deadpool to kill Ajax, believing this would free their earthbound souls. Although reluctant to again kill, Deadpool did so, never learning that the act failed to free the ghosts. Craving redemption, Deadpool accepted Culloden's offer; to his dismay, however, he learned the Mithras' destined role was to kill Tiamat, a potential threat to Messiah, rendering Deadpool's efforts to escape violence seemingly futile. Deadpool narrowly escaped death at Tiamat's hands, leading Tiamat to obsess over killing the Mithras over the Messiah, and Tiamat's Elders stripped him of his armor and granted it to Deadpool, showing him the Messiah brought not true peace, but only mindless bliss; protected from this bliss by Tiamat's armor, Deadpool apparently slew the Messiah.

When the alien Coterie gathered hundreds of super heroes for a "Contest of Champions," Deadpool was among the participants. Despite this seeming vindication of his heroic impulses, Deadpool was no longer optimistic about bettering himself; with LL&L ex-precognitive Montgomery as reluctant sidekick, he set up headquarters in Bolivia and resumed his mercenary career. Troubled by seeming hallucinations too intense for even his addled mind, he consulted deranged psychiatrist Dr. Bong, who suggested he exorcise frustrations by fighting Wolverine. The fight indeed cleared Deadpool's mind, but his psyche received a stunning blow when Mercedes Wilson, who he still believed was his wife, returned to life. Hoping to recapture his supposed loving relationship with her, he emotionally bonded with her, but the couple was teleported away by T-Ray, creator of Deadpool's hallucinations, who revealed himself as not only Mercedes' resurrector, but also her husband, proving Deadpool's hopes were based on lies. Yet the revelation did not break Deadpool's spirit as hoped, for Deadpool, robbed of the loving relationship with Mercedes he had deemed his only saving grace, declared his situation ludicrous and vowed to forget a past for which he could never atone, the better to improve in the future. Swearing further vengeance, T-Ray departed with Mercedes. Norse God Loki Laufeyson, claiming to be Deadpool's father, subsequently imprisoned Death to manipulate Deadpool into battle with his foster brother Thor Odinson. When Deadpool failed to meet Loki's expectations, the god revealed his deception and cursed him to resemble actor Thom Cruz; although long ashamed by disfigurement, Deadpool was even less content to wear another's face. Hired by the Council of Werewolves to assassinate lycanthropic author Duncan Vess, Deadpool's failed due to interference from Wolverine and the renegade werewolf Lycus. After a half-hearted attempt to earn the bounty placed on X-Man Gambit (Remy LeBeau) by the New Son, Deadpool made many attempts to re-disfigure his face, but Loki's curse foiled him. Seeking new quarters, he became roommates with Constrictor and Titania (actually Copycat posing as Mary MacPherran), in the "Deadlounge." Taskmaster hired the three to retrieve Baron (Helmut) Zemo's orbital platform, an assignment during which Deadpool briefly

IN PERSONALIZED LL&L ARMOR

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led Taskmaster trainees (Pyron/Deadair, Malovick/Deadend, Eclecta/Deadweight) as "Team Deadpool," but Taskmaster double-crossed Deadpool, leaving him stranded in space. Following adventures with interstellar outlaw Dirty Wolff and his Last Men gang, Deadpool returned to Earth, where madman Dr. Michael Achebe hired him and his roommates to steal Erik Killmonger's leopard Preyy. When this proved a pretext intended to manipulate Deadpool and Killmonger into killing each other, Deadpool lost patience with the ensuing debacle involving the Avengers, Wakandans, and others; Copycat subsequently revealed her imposture as part of Wizard and Taskmaster's vengeance scheme, which Deadpool easily survived. Loki's curse was broken shortly afterward. When Siryn was injured in an X-Force mission, Deadpool allied with the Watchtower group, capturing Wolverine in exchange for Siryn's treatment; Siryn was cured, while Wolverine, as Deadpool doubtlessly expected, defeated his captors. Alone again, Deadpool accepted corrupt police officer Fred Pierson's assignment to kill mob bosses, with tattoo artist Ananastasia assisting him. Deadpool fell in love with Ananastasia, who betrayed him following the assassinations. When Pierson reneged on her payment, Ananastasia killed Pierson and freed Deadpool, but despite her claims of love, the disbelieving Deadpool shot her. He subsequently dated several women in succession, not realizing all were Copycat, who still obsessed over him.

IN TIAMAT'S ARMOR

Art by Walter McDaniel

After failing to protect client John Cassera from mobster Maxy Millions, Deadpool trained Cassera's son Christopher as Kid Deadpool, aka Pool Boy, and together they killed Millions, although Christopher retained a grudge for Deadpool's failure to protect his father. After defeating mass murderer sisters Grace and Mary Mercy, Deadpool targeted the Punisher (Frank Castle) for Peter Gnucci, nephew of infamous Ma Gnucci, but although Deadpool nearly defeated Punisher, Gnucci himself died, rendering the assignments pointless. Feral mutant Sabretooth (Victor Creed) recruited Deadpool for a new USA-based anti-mutant Weapon X Program, which upgraded Deadpool's healing factor to unprecedented levels. Paired with longtime ally/rival Garrison Kane, Deadpool was shocked when Kane shot a mutant child in the back, proving himself more inhumane than Deadpool had ever been. When Weapon X targeted Copycat, Deadpool rescued her from Kane, but failed to stop Sabretooth from killing her. Confronting Weapon X's Director (Malcolm Colcord), Deadpool was gassed and lost physical cohesion, literally melting until only his right hand remained, cursing the Director to the last. Bodiless, Deadpool attended his own funeral as a ghost, but the Weapon X upgrade, possibly boosted by Thanos of Titan, who resented Death's fondness for Deadpool, resurrected him by rebuilding him from his severed hand, restoring his healing factor to its previous peak, but leaving him amnesiac. A chance encounter with Weasel restored his memory, and he discovered that four individuals had claimed the Deadpool name: "Heroic Deadpool," "Killer Deadpool," "Maniac Deadpool," and "Media Deadpool," personality aspects given form by T-Ray and the Gemini Star artifact. On Thanos' behalf, T-Ray intended to manifest and extinguish Deadpool's entire personality, leaving him an empty shell, but Deadpool damaged the Gemini Star, causing his personality fragments to enter T-Ray, rendering T-Ray amnesiac instead. Seemingly restored to his customary approximation of "normal," Deadpool irrationally claimed the incident's denouement "proved" he was the true Wade Wilson. Thanos cursed Deadpool to be unable to die, although Deadpool apparently remained unaware of this. Following an assignment against the Four Winds crime family, Deadpool, erroneously believed to have killed all four leaders, gained great status as a mercenary and formed Deadpool, Inc., aided by business partner Sandi Brandenberg. His success proved short-lived when Black Swan, the Four Winds' true killer, sought vengeance for stolen glory. Both were believed dead after an explosion, but Swan's telepathic power merged both men's memories and skills within underling Nijo. Believing the amnesiac Nijo to be Deadpool, Sandi helped him recover and become Agent X, and the two, with Taskmaster, formed a new mercenary endeavor, Agency X. Black Swan soon resurfaced, with Deadpool in tow, supposedly intending to restore all three to their previous states. During the transfer, the Swan instead absorbed Deadpool and Agent X's abilities, but Agent X, aided by his friends, broke through Swan's telepathic shield and killed him, reversing the transfer. Himself once more, Deadpool declined to join Agency X, returning to his solo career. In unrevealed circumstances, he married and divorced a woman named Gretchen; SHIELD agent Valerie Jessup recruited Deadpool's services for an off-the-books mission by promising information on Gretchen's whereabouts, which apparently never led Deadpool to her.

WEAPON X UNIFORM

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WITH PERSONALITY ASPECTS

Art by Georges Jeanty

Deadpool was next hired by the One World Church to steal the Facade virus, with which the Church's leaders intended to transform Earth's populace into blue-skinned beings like themselves to eliminate racism. When Cable intervened, Deadpool, having briefly joined the Church, fought him, but the virus depowered both men, forcing Cable to merge their deteriorating bodies into one and then re-separate them in healthy form. The process created a DNA link between the two, allowing Deadpool to access Cable's teleportation technology and accompany

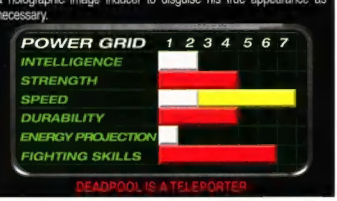
him in his activities — with the disadvantage of merging the two every time the teleportation technology was used, requiring a painful separation. When Cable established the island community Providence in his long-term plan to improve the world, Deadpool became dedicated to his goals. When Cable threatened to destroy the world's weapons, the X-Men vowed to stop him; declaring himself an X-Man, much to their chagrin, Deadpool tagged along, but turned against the team to side with Cable, although he remained obsessed with supposed membership. Deadpool assisted Cable against SHIELD, Agent X, the monstrous Skornn and other enemies, but when he realized his irrationality and bloodlust could compromise Cable's goals, he resolved to foil his healing factor and commit suicide. He consulted information broker Black Box, who instead brainwashed him to kill the missing Cable. Deadpool tracked him through alternate realities via their DNA link, returned him to their native reality, shot himself in the head to break Black Box's control and soon recovered. With Deadpool's help, Cable subsequently took over the nation Rumekistan, but he and Deadpool parted ways regarding the USA's Superhuman Registration Act, which Deadpool, granted authority to capture unregistered superhumans, saw as a means to achieve the heroic status he had sought for so long. Assigned to apprehend Cable, Deadpool fought his friend, then took hostages, boasting his new status allowed him unlimited power, a statement which Cable broadcast to the world and which cost Deadpool his new status. Thinking turnabout was fair play, Deadpool joined the government-sanctioned Six Pack to discredit Cable, but the group's Rumekistan sabotage, when exposed, only furthered Cable's agenda. When Providence was destroyed following the Hecatomb's attack, Cable dropped from sight, and Deadpool joined Agency X, rescuing Agent X from Hydra and in the process taking a new sidekick, the hapless Bob, Agent of Hydra. When chance reunited him with the Great Lakes Avengers, now the Great Lakes Initiative, Deadpool became a reserve member after helping them defeat AIM; quickly becoming a nuisance, he was ejected by Squirrel Girl. Following a surreal adventure through time and space with Bob, Deadpool yet again revived his solo career, and his sanity further deteriorated, leaving him to hear two argumentative voices in his head and occasionally lapse into cartoon-like hallucinations. His skills unimpeded, he was anonymously hired to capture Wolverine by Winter Soldier, acting on Wolverine's instructions. After a prolonged and brutal battle, he succeeded, but Wolverine's son Daken, who wanted no one but himself to kill Wolverine, emerged from hiding to interfere. After Daken defeated Deadpool, Winter Soldier shot Daken, allowing Wolverine to depart with his son, the purpose of the entire exercise.

Art by Paco Medina

Deadpool recovered and took an assignment from ex-SHIELD Director Nick Fury during the Skrulls' "Secret Invasion." To access their computers, Deadpool publicly feigned cooperation with the aliens, earning a reputation as a traitor to Earth. He allowed the Skrulls to duplicate his healing factor in several soldiers, but because it was intended to counter his cancer, it induced fatal cellular overload in the subjects. His Skrull data transmission to Fury was intercepted by Norman Osborn, who used it to achieve a public victory during the invasion that won him unprecedented political power. Learning of Osborn's treachery, Deadpool attacked Osborn's Thunderbolts. Osborn sent his operative Hawkeye (actually Bullseye) to kill Deadpool. The two longtime associates embarked on a prolonged battle of weapons and warped wits, until Hawkeye, reluctant to kill his almost-friend, secretly paid Deadpool to end his vendetta. During an AIM assignment in the Savage Land, Deadpool met his Earth-2149 counterpart, a zombie reduced to a disembodied but equally deranged head who matched him wisecrack for wisecrack; back in the USA, Deadpool briefly joined the Red Hulk's Code Red team. During a brief stint as a pirate, Deadpool saved the island Jallarka from pirates. Fulfilled Fulfilled by the experience, which renewed his long-standing heroic impulses, he sought to join the X-Men, who hesitantly accepted him as an ally until Deadpool targeted X-Men critic Mark Kincaid, allowing the X-Men to garner good publicity by stopping him; which the X-Men learned was apparently Deadpool's intent all along.

HEIGHT: 6'2" **EYES:** Brown
WEIGHT: 210 lbs. **HAIR:** None (originally brown, then varied)

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Deadpool's superhuman healing factor rapidly regenerates damaged or destroyed tissue. The speed at which this ability functions is directly proportionate to an injury's severity and partially affected by Deadpool's mental state, working most efficiently when he is awake, alert and in good spirits. Over the years, the power's efficiency has waxed and waned, since a single instance of overwhelming reconstruction can leave it weakened for weeks; at present, he can regrow severed hands within minutes and survive decapitation for about 12 minutes, at which point oxygen deprivation would affect his brain unless his head was reattached. Due to Thanos' curse, he is supposedly incapable of dying by any means. His healing factor also grants him virtual immunity to poisons and most drugs, as well as an extended life span and an enhanced resistance to diseases. Due to repeated brain injuries, he regenerates decaying brain cells at such a hyper accelerated rate that his sanity and memories suffer regular damage; his most frequent symptom is the belief he is a character in a comic book. Deadpool formerly could access Cable's bodysliding technology without use of machinery due to the two men's DNA mingling. Deadpool is an extraordinary athlete and hand-to-hand combatant, skilled in multiple unarmed combat techniques; his healing factor may contribute to his abilities, allowing him to undertake intensive exercise with minimal fatigue or aches. He is a master assassin, an excellent marksman, and an accomplished user of bladed weapons. He is fluent in Japanese, German and Spanish, among other languages. He employs a wide variety of weapons depending on his assignment or whim, but is virtually never without a combination of guns and knives; he customarily wears multiple pouches on his costume, containing mostly unrevealed paraphernalia. He wears a teleportation device in his belt and carries a holographic image inducer to disguise his true appearance as necessary.



DEADPOOL (EARTH-2149)

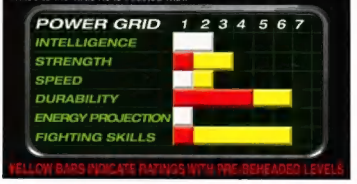
REAL NAME: Possibly Wade Wilson
ALIASES: "Merc With Half a Mouth," "Merc With Only a Mouth," "Zombie Deadpool," "Z-Pool," "Headpool," "Shorty"
IDENTITY: Known to various government authorities
OCCUPATION: Zombie; former idol, mercenary
CITIZENSHIP: Canada (Earth-2149)
PLACE OF BIRTH: Unrevealed (Earth-2149)
KNOWN RELATIVES: None
GROUP AFFILIATION: Deadpool Corps
EDUCATION: Presumably military training
FIRST APPEARANCE: Marvel Zombies #1 (2006)

HISTORY: Earth-2149 fell victim to a virus that transformed many superhumans, including Deadpool, into flesh-eating zombie-like creatures that retained their intelligence. Though most zombies were destroyed, a few remained and, seeking new worlds to feed upon, located Earth-616 and sent Deadpool there through the Nexus of Realities. He set a trap to lure local super team the Command, but his body was destroyed when he was knocked into a swamp boat's roaring fan. His head survived and was taken to the Hollow, ARMOR's headquarters, where it convinced the Zombie (Simon Garth) to help it escape. No longer feeling the hunger due to losing his body, Deadpool accompanied Garth to the Black Talon (Samuel Barone)'s Taino island base en route zombifying a female Piranha and various Men-Fish. As Morbius' Midnight Sons tracked Deadpool, Black Talon offered the Hood (Parker Robbins) Deadpool as a weapon. Meanwhile, Deadpool infected a new zombie horde, and Morbius' efforts to destroy the zombie virus instead transformed the zombies into an airborne, flesh-devouring swarm/cloud. Forming a new host body, Deadpool took control of the zombie cloud, temporarily destroying the Man-Thing (Ted Sallis). After sorceress Jennifer Kale obliterated Deadpool's new body, Garth faked Deadpool's death and sent him away on a rowboat, while the remaining zombie virus-mind was trapped within Garth's virtually mindless form.

The rowboat eventually arrived in the Savage Land, where Deadpool became revered by a tribe of headhunters. Seeking the head as a weapon of mass destruction, AIM sent agents, including Earth-616's Deadpool and Dr. Betty, to retrieve it before Hydra could. Deadpool-2149 ordered his followers to behead Deadpool-616 so his head could be placed on the body, but when this plot failed, Deadpool-2149 teamed with his counterpart and Dr. Betty to escape Hydra as well as a zombified tyrannosaurus rex that Deadpool had infected. The trio fled in a stolen Hydra ship to an AIM space station. Deadpool-2149's head was turned over to AIM agents, but Deadpool-616 reconsidered and liberated it. Both Deadpools and Dr. Betty then traveled to South Florida, where Deadpool-616 sought the Nexus of Realities to send his counterpart home, en route encountering Man-Thing, who somehow recognized Deadpool-2149 from the Taino incident. After disposing of Hydra agent Lord Falcon, the group located the Nexus, and the two Deadpools entered it. Due to the two dimensional counterparts entering the Nexus at the same time, the portal's structure shifted and locked on to them as focal points, leading them to other worlds in which various Deadpools played important roles. The two Deadpools first arrived on Earth-6466, where they were briefly captured by SHIELD's Major Deadpool before escaping to Earth-3010, where they aided Lady Deadpool against that reality's Captain America, who was attempting to capture the rebel. Another jump through the Nexus landed the two Deadpools on Earth-1108, where Deadpool shot and apparently killed the cowboy Deadpool Kid. Finally returning to Earth-616, and Sorcerer Supreme Dr. Voodoo stabilized the Nexus, allowing the Deadpools to use it to reach Earth-2149. They were followed by Betty and Bill and swiftly attacked by superhuman zombies. until a small human survivor group found the quartet and led them to safety. Even though Voodoo's stabilization of the Nexus had by then worn off, leaving them stranded, Deadpool-2149 realized that they may have arrived at an earlier time period and suggested they replicate his original journey to Earth-616. Under undisclosed circumstances, "Headpool" found himself trapped in yet another dimension after his companions returned to their own reality, from which Deadpool-616 rescued him before recruiting him into the Deadpool Corps.

HEIGHT: 11" (originally 6'2")
WEIGHT: 10 lbs. (originally 210 lbs.)
EYES: White (originally brown)
HAIR: None (originally brown)

ABILITIES/ACCESSORIES: Before his infection, Deadpool had all the powers of his Earth-616 counterpart, including a rapid healing factor and peak human speed, and agility. The zombie virus eliminated his healing factor, although he was still highly durable, though unable to regenerate as before. As a head, Deadpool lacks any locomotion. While he no longer constantly feels the zombie hunger, he still does so out of habit and can transmit the virus via biting. It is uncertain how Deadpool's can speak and perform other functions without his body, though it is presumed that this ability is linked to the virus he is infected with.



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HISTORY: One of the modern era's most erratic and dysfunctional super hero coalitions, the Deadpool Corps, consisting of Deadpool-616, Deadpool-2149 (aka Headpool) Lady Deadpool-3010, Deadpool-10330 (aka Kidpool), and Deadpool-103173 (aka Dogpool), have banded together to help save the Multiverse against a threat that could destroy everything in existence.

Hired by AIM to locate the zombified, disembodied head of Deadpool from Earth-2149 (aka "Headpool"), Deadpool-616 had a change of heart and decided to help return Headpool to his home dimension. Deadpool, Headpool, Dr. Betty Swanson (an AIM scientist and Deadpool-616's contact within the organization), and AIM agent Bill traveled to the Florida Everglades so Deadpool could use the Nexus of Realities, a focal point uniting all dimensions, to return Headpool to his dimension. However, two dimensional counterparts entering the Nexus at the same time caused a disruption in the Nexus, sending Deadpool and Headpool to various other dimensions, locking onto the location of that reality's Deadpool. The pair first traveled to Earth-6466 where they met Major Wilson, codenamed Deadpool, of SHIELD, who captured them believing that they were scouts sent from an invading force through the dimensional portal. Tricking Major Wilson into believing Headpool was a symbiote and the pair needed each other to survive, Deadpool-616 gained the upper hand and escaped with Headpool into the dimensional portal. The duo traveled next to Earth-3010, where the USA removed all alienable rights and liberties of its people, creating a fascist state enforced by Captain America (later General America), SHIELD, and the giant robotic Sentinels. While there, they encountered Lady Deadpool, who was battling General America. The Deadpool duo helped Lady Deadpool escape capture, and Deadpool-616 threw Headpool at Captain America, allowing him to bite Captain America's arm. In order to stop the spread of Zombie virus, Deadpool-616 cut Captain America's arm off. After a quick goodbye, the pair entered the dimensional portal again, taking the infected arm with them. The deadly duo next traveled to Earth-1108 where Deadpool-616 swiftly shot and apparently killed the cowboy Deadpool Kid. After they returned to Earth-616, Sorcerer Supreme Dr. Voodoo stabilized the Nexus to allow Deadpool to return Headpool to his home dimension. Deadpool and Headpool entered the portal, but once the Man-Thing (Ted Sallis), guardian of the Nexus, appeared, Dr. Swanson and Bill entered the portal as well to escape Man-Thing.

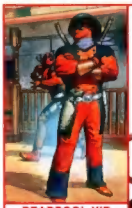
At some point Deadpool-616 was contacted by an Elder of the Universe to recruit a team of alternate dimension versions of himself to save the Multiverse. Having already come into contact with alternate versions of himself and generally getting along with "himself," Deadpool readily agreed. Deadpool first returned to Earth-3010 to recruit Lady Deadpool, who Deadpool once again helped escape from General America. Deadpool next traveled to Earth-10330, an Earth where the Xavier Institute became a boarding school for mutant boys like Cyclops, Wolverine, Colossus, Angel, and others, where he recruited Kidpool, who believed he was destined for bigger and better things than the rest of the other students. Deadpool finally traveled to Earth-103173, a reality where scientists Von Braun and Eigor conducted the Mascara-X Project, a process similar to Earth-616's Weapon X Program, on a dog in hopes to create a new process for the Babelline Cosmetics company that would give its customers eternal youth. Believed dead, the scientists discarded the dog's body, but it was discovered by a local circus who exploited the dog's power giving him the name "Deadpool, the Daredevil Dog," until Deadpool-616 recruited him for the Deadpool Corps.

CURRENT MEMBERS: Deadpool (Wade Wilson, Earth-616), Headpool (Wade Wilson, Earth-2149), Dogpool (Wade Wilson, Earth-103173), Kidpool (Wade Wilson, Earth-10330), Lady Deadpool (Wanda Wilson, Earth-3010)

BASE OF OPERATIONS: Deadpool-616's apartment

FIRST APPEARANCE: Prelude to the Deadpool Corps #4 (2010)

Soon after his return home, Headpool was inadvertently transported to Earth-1058, where he was mistakenly believed to be a genetic anomaly and taken to Dr. Killcraven on Goat Skull Island for experimentation. Deadpool-616 then traveled to Earth-1058, rescued Headpool and recruited him. Returning to Earth-616, Deadpool introduced all the members of the Deadpool Corps as they prepared themselves for their suicide mission with hardcore training by playing the latest in Deadpool-616's video game collection.



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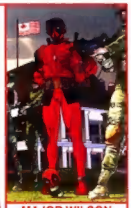

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